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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4460

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM NIACT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY GABORONE NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0370

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) OTRA TA ZA MZ BC

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA

1. I AM PLEASED SECRETARY IS SEEKING TO MEET WITH MACHEL. BELIEVE SUCH MEETING WILL DO MUCH TO CONVINCE CRITICS AND SCEPTICS HERE AND ELSEWHERE THAT USG AND SECRETARY ARE TRULY INTERESTED IN WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, THAT WE ARE EAGER LEARN VIEWS OF ALL KEY LEADERS, AND THAT WE INTEND TO EXPLORE ALL AVENUES TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. EVEN IF MEETING WITH MACHEL DOES NOT COME OFF, BELIEVE APPROACH WILL BE HELPFUL TO US.

2. I BELIEVE MACHEL IS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH YECRETARY, BUT DO NOT KNOW IF HE WILL AGGEE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY IN DAR ES SALAAM. AS HEAD OF STATE, MACHEL MAY THINK SECRETARY SHOULD COME TO MAPUTO. HOWEVER, IF NYERERE CONCURS IN KISSINGER-MACHEL MEETING IN DAR, AND WERE TO URGE MACHEL TO ATTEND, I BELIEVE CHANCE BETTER THAN 50-50 THAT MACHEL WOULD ACCEPT.

3. IT QUITE POSSIBLE MACHEL MAY PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE, EITHER THAT THE SECRETARY STOP IN MAPUTO BRIEFLY ON WAY FROM DAR TO LUSAKA, OR THAT THE SECRETARY ALTER HIS SCHEDULE TO PERMIT JOINT MEETING WITH THE FOUR LEADERS (NYERERE, KAUNDA, KHAMA AND HIMSELF) IN ONE OF THE FOUR CAPITALS. FOR PRESTIGE PRUPOSES, MACHEL NO DOUBT WOULD WANT TO

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HOST MEETING IN MAPUTO.

4. IF NYERERE AGREES TO REFTEL REQUEST, I RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY MAP
UTO
BE BROUGHT INTO PICTURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CONVEY MESSAGE
TO MACHEL THAT SECRETARY IS SEAGER TO MEET WITH HIM AND TO EXCHANGE
VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. EMBASSY APPROACH WOULD ENABLE US TO MAKE
POINT THAT SECRETARY WANTS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH MACHEL AND GPRM, BUT
LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO SECRETARY ON THIS TRIP TO AFRICA
NECESSITATED
EXTENDING INVITATION THROUGH NYERERE FOR MEETING IN TANZANIA.
BRINGING
EMBASSY MAPUTO INTO PICTURE EARLY WILL ALSO HELP THIS MISSION AND
AND ME IN DIFFICULT TASK OF ESTABLISHING DIAOLOGUE WITH THIS
GOVERNMENT.
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